

**THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GILMER**  
**ORDER OF DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**STAGE 2**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Gilmer Mayor finds under present circumstances in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the City of Gilmer recognized that the amount of water available to the City and its water utility customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the City of Gilmer Mayor that the City enter into **Stage 2 – Moderate Water Shortage Conditions**. Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain non-essential water uses for State 2 of the Plan. **All requirements for Stage 1 shall remain in effect during Stage 2 except the following.** Achieve a 15% reduction in total water use. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for water customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 AM and between 8:00 PM and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time of it is by means of a handheld hose, a faucet filled bucket, or a watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, and airplane, or other vehicle is prohibited excepts on designated water days between the house of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 AM and between 8:00 PM and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated water days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 AM and between 8:00 PM and midnight. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare accept that the use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Gilmer. Use of water for irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 AM and between 8:00 PM and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a water source other than that provided by the City of Gilmer, the facility shall not be subject to these regulations. All restaurants

are prohibited from serving water to their patrons except when requested. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited: wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas; use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection; use of water for dust control; flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Any person who violates this order is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each day that one or more of the provisions in this order is violated and shall constitute a separate offence.

**Issued this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024**

Tim Marshall, Mayor